# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4201
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MEDICAL RECORDS TO PATIENTS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a Consumer Court in Delhi has directed that providing medical records to the patients is mandatory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Medical Council of India (MCI) has formulated any laws in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against the erring doctors/hospitals?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir.National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, New Delhi in orginal petition No.47 of 2005 filed by Mr. Atanu Dutta & Others Vs M/s Mool Chand Khairati Ram Hospital & Ayurvedic Research Institute & Others directed inter-alia to issue notification informing all the hospitals and medical practitioners all over the country stating to handover the medical records of the patient to him/her or his/her relatives within 72 hours, if asked for.

Accordingly, Medical Council of India has issued instructions in this regard vide their letter dated 23.1.2008 to all concerned for strict compliance.As per Clause 1.3.2 under Chapter Maintenance of Records of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, it has been laid down that if any request is made for medical records either by the patients/authorized attendant or legal authorities involved, the same may be duly acknowledged and documents shall be issued within the period of 72 hours.